(b) if not, the various criteria followed by different IITs for recruitment to various categories of posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The basis of recruitment to various posts through Open Selection is uniform in all the IITs. For all direct recruitments, positions are advertised and selections are made on the recommendations of the duly constituted Selection Committees.

Development of Anti-Submarine Torpedo

1951. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has successfully completed an indigenous development of anti-submarine torpedo which is an improvement on the Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to take off?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) The indigenous anti-submarine torpedo namely Advanced Experimental Torpedo (AET) is in the final stage of development. It is expected to be inducted into the Navy by 1999. Preplanned product improvement is a continuous process.

Srirama Sagar Project

1952. SHRI SUBRAHMANYAM NELAVALA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government prepared an ambitious plan to complete the Srirama Sagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal under the Andhra Pradesh III irrigation project;

(b) whether the World Bank has sanctioned a loan of Rs. 1,300 crores for these projects;

(c) if so, the time likely to be taken to complete these projects; and

(d) the amount provided so far by the World Bank to the State Government for implementing these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Under the Agreement dated 3.6.1997 The World Bank has agreed to provide an assistance of US $ 325 Million for Third Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project comprising of Srirama-Sagar Project and Srisailam Right Branch Canal subprojects. The credit closing date is 31.1.2003. So far no money has been utilized as the project is effective from 3.7.97.

Operation of Air India's Flight

1953. SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR :
SHRI HARADHAN ROY :
SHRI ANIL BASU :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are persistent demand to introduce direct flights from Calcutta to Hong Kong, Germany, Canada, Italy, USA, Indonesia and African countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Air India's flights to the above countries are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Requests are received from time to time for operation of direct flights from Calcutta to various international destinations.

(b) and (c) Currently Air India operates direct flights to Bangkok and Tokyo from Calcutta. Air India is at present unable to further augment international operations from Calcutta due to shortage of aircraft capacity. The situation is being monitored constantly and will be reviewed as and when additional capacity becomes available.

[Translation]

Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission

1954. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the districts of Madhya Pradesh in which Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission' is being implemented and the total financial provision made for each district for the year 1996-97, 1997-98;

(b) whether any evaluation has been made in regard to the work accomplished under the Shiksha Mission in the wake of the complaints to the effect that the purpose for which the mission had been started, is not being served and the financial provisions are being misused;

(c) whether the services of existing Primary and Middle School teachers are being availed for the programme meant for educating the adults under Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission and as a result, the studies of boys and girls are being affected; and

(d) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to improve the above condition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Rajiv Gandhi Prathmik Shiksha Mission is the Society which is implementing District Primary Education